

Indiana First Steps Newsletter

May 2015

Newsletter Instructions/Information

- Please read all newsletter content thoroughly. Follow links to external articles from Elexcellence.com. Competency assessment questions will focus primarily on this content.
- Follow the link at the bottom of the newsletter to take the online assessment. You must pass the assessment with a score of 80% or above. Be sure you click through until you receive the results of your quiz. Once you reach the page that displays your score, you can be assured that your score has been recorded.
- Once you have passed the quiz, **please print out the completion page with your score for your records**. Please write your name and date on this sheet as it will not appear on the print out. Keep this for your training records. You do not need to send a copy of this documentation with your credentialing packet.
- You will **not** receive an email confirmation of your completion of the newsletter quiz. Your score will be captured electronically, and will be utilized to verify your completion when your credentialing packet is received by Provider Enrollment.
- The deadline to complete the May 2015 Indiana First Steps Newsletter training requirement is August 17, 2015.
- Successful completion of the Newsletter quiz continues to be worth .2 points for credentialing.
- In order to take a make-up quiz, you must email the First Steps Web at firststepsweb@fssa.in.gov to receive the newsletter and competency assessment.

Update on DSP 102 & 103 Trainings

Many providers have written to the First Steps Web requesting information about upcoming training opportunities to complete Direct Service Provider 102 and 103. At this time, we are continuing to organize these events. Once dates and times have been determined we will distribute this information widely. While these trainings remain temporary unavailable, we want providers and agencies to know that there is not an expectation that providers will have these trainings completed within three months of enrollment, as is the typical timeline. Providers will not be penalized for taking these courses outside of the standard timeframe. Thank you for your patience as we continue making progress during this transition.

Family Engagement Articles

As you know, the Indiana First Steps State Systemic Improvement Plan is focused primarily upon improving child and family outcomes. With that goal in mind, the articles for this quarterly newsletter will center around issues that impact on how families engage with the First Steps program and providers thus impacting child and family outcomes. Below you will find a series of articles from the website Elexcellence.com. While brief, these articles can help us all be mindful of the impact that providers have on children and families.

Please read each article below. The competency assessment questions are primarily focused upon this content.

- [Are They Just Not That Into Me?](#) by Julie Higginbotham
- [It's Not Just About](#) by Julie Higginbotham
- [They're Too Little for This to Affect Them...Right?](#) by Shannon Winsjansen
- [All Families Means All Families](#) by John Ellis
- [Working with Families in Crisis](#) by Lindsey Moss

Online First Steps Core Trainings

First Steps Core Trainings and the orientation trainings DSP 101 and SC 101 continue to be available online at <http://www.eikids.com/in/matrix/UnifiedTraining.asp>. Once you have completed the training video/presentation, you will need to download and complete the competency assessment that is located below the link for the training and attestation page. Please send only your answers to the competency assessment to the First Steps Web at firststepsweb@fssa.in.gov. Submission of, and a passing score of 80% or above, is the method by which your completion will be verified.

The trainings available online and their credentialing point values are as follows:

- FSCT – AEPS Part 1: Understanding and Using the AEPS
 - (.3 points)
- FSCT – The Science of Infant Brain Development
 - (.4 points)
- FSCT – Inclusion in Early Care and Education Training
 - (.3 points)
- FSCT – Providing Early Intervention Supports and Services in Natural Environments
 - (.5 points)
- FSCT – Family Centered Approach to Procedural Safeguards
 - (.4 points)
- FSCT – Professional Boundaries and Ethics in Home Visiting
 - (.3 points)
- FSCT – Positive Transitions for Children and Families in Early Intervention
 - (.3 points)
- Direct Service Provider 101
 - (1.0 points)
- Service Coordination 101
 - (2.0 points)

May 2015 Indiana First Steps Newsletter Assessment

Follow this link https://iu.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bd9H1IBGNUMVAgmh to the Newsletter quiz. Completion of this quiz with a passing score of 80% is required in order to fulfill the newsletter requirement for initial and annual credentialing.

- Please be sure that you click through to the last page with your quiz results, and be sure to print this page for your records.
- Your name will not appear on the results page. Please write your name and the date completed on your print out.